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SATURDAY, September 26, 1857.

1. The introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder MOSES GUNN, from 1 Cor. 4 chapter, 1 2 verses: "Let a man so account of us, as of the Ministers of Christ, and Stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in Stewards that a man be found faithful."

2. After a short recess the Delegates from the several Churches assembled in the house. The former Moderator and Clerk, both having removed out of the bounds of the Association.

On motion Elder Moses Gunn was nominated as Moderator, *pro tem*, and Elder R. W. Carlisle requested to act as Clerk until the Association could be organized. The Association was then opened by singing and prayer by Elder Moses Gunn.

3. Read the letter from the Churches and minuted their state. (See table.)

4. Proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. Whereupon, Elder Moses Gunn was chosen Moderator, and R. W. Carlisle Clerk.

5. Invited brethren of the Ministry of our faith and order to seats with us.

6. Appointed brethren, viz:

On Preaching.—Brethren R. W. Corley, J. Hayden, H. Pasly, with the delegates of this Church.

On arrangement of Business.—Elders R. W. Carlisle, E. Nelson and brother J. Britain.

7. Offered opportunity to petitionary Churches of our faith and order to obtain membership with us.

8 The brethren on preaching, reported the following order of service for Sunday, viz :

Elder Wm. M. Mitchel to preach in the forenoon, followed in exhortation by H. M. Higginbothem, and Elder F. Swint to preach in the after noon. Elder Moses Gunn to conclude.

9. Adjourned until Monday morning, half fast 9 o'clock, prayer by Elder P. W. Higginbothem, preaching this evening at the stand by Elder J. Stringer and J. P. Sayers.

MONDAY, September 28th, 1857.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder F Swint

10. The report of the brethren was handed forward, read and adopted.

11. Renewed the invitation to the brethren of the Ministry and corresponding brethren, to seats with us.

12., The names of the delegates were called.

13 Appointed brethren. E. Nelson, J. Ogletree and W. Cox, to examine corresponding minutes;

14. Letters from corresponding Associations called for, and Messengers names enrolled

From the Ebenezer, Ala., minutes only

From the Conecuh River, Ala., minutes, letter attached by her messengers, Elders F. Swint, Wm. Galoway, brethren F. Pickett, J. W. Timmons.

From the Harmony, Ga. letter, and minutes, no messenger.

From the Primitive Western, Ga., letter and minutes.—no Messengers.

From the Choctawhachee, Ala., no correspondence.

From the Upatory, Ga. no correspondence.

From the Beaulah, letter and minutes by her messengers, Elders, H. M. Higginbothem, W. W. Mitchel, J. P. Sayers and brethren W. Fuller, J. F. Sharp, W. Stephens.

15. The brethren appointed to examine corresponding

minutes report that they find an item under the head of Correspondence in the minutes of the Ebenezer Association claiming the attention of this body.

16. Returned correspondence and appointed messengers to the respective Associations.

To the Ebenezer, agreed to suspend correspondence at present, for the reason that the Ebenezer has opened correspondence with the Towaliga.

To the Conecuh River, to convene with the Church at Union Springs, Pike county, Ala., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October next, Elder E. Nelson, brethren J. Hayden and S. Smith.

To the Harmony, to convene with the Church at Sardis, Randolph county, Ga, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October next, met by letter and minutes.

To the Primitive Western, to convene with the Church at Mt. Moriah, Harris county, Ga. on Saturday before the third Sunday in October next. Elder E. Nelson, W. Gunn, and brethren W. Redden, C. Cotton, H. Pasley.

To the Choctawhatchey, after some deliberation agreed to drop correspondence with the Choctawhatchey, and the Upatory Associations, for the consideration of the long distance and the weakness of our body of keeping up a correspondence by messengers

To the Beaulah, to convene with the Church at Bethlehem, Tallapoosa county Ala., on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1858. Elders W. Gunn, E. Nelson, R. W. Carlisle, brethren J. Amason, J. Brittain, J. S. Ogletree, J. D. Berry, H. Basley, W. Jackson, W. Parrish, C Cotton, J. J. Cleveland.

17. Appointed J. Britain to write the corresponding letter.

18. The circular letter was called for, but as Elder J. G. Eden was appointed last year to write it, and in the providence of God, he has been called from time, and no circular present; it was therefore agreed that no circular should appear in our minutes this year, and that the Churches in their letter next year say, whether they wish a circular in future or not.

19. Appointed Elder E. Nelson, W. Redden, J. S. Ogletree to copy the corresponding letter to those Assoications which come on before the minutes can be printed.

20. Appointed general meetings.

First District having first choice with the Church at Coosa

River, Autauga county, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1858.

Second District with Chany Creek Church, Tallapoosa county, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1858

Third District with Mt. Zion Church, Coosa county, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1858.

Fourth District with Antioch Church, Talladega county, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1858.

21. Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wm. Galoway.

Preaching at the stand to day. 1in the forenoon by Elder Wm. Galoway, followed by brother H. McCoy, licentiate; in the afternoon Elder J. P. Sayers preached, followed by Elder J. Stringer.

TUESDAY Sept. 29th.

The Association met according to adjournment—prayer by Elder J. P. Sayers.

22. Called for the corresponding letter, which was read and adopted.

23. Appointed the next session of this Association to be holden with the Wewoka church, Coosa county sixteen miles North of Wetumpka on the Jackson Trace, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Sept., 1858.

24. Called for the contribution from the church and received $35,35.

25 Agreed to have 800 copies of these minutes printed —that 125 be reserved for correspondence—that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and that he be allowed $20,00 for his services.

26. RESOLVED, That this Association express her gratitude to God, and her respects to their brethren and friends in the vicinity of Bethlehem church, for their hospitality and kindness manifested to us during the present session.

Elder W. M. Mitchel preached at the stand this morning, followed in exhortation by H. McCoy, licentiate.

P. M. Elder J. Stringer preached, followed by Elder F. Swint.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

27. The brethren appointed to revise the Association into 4 districtes made their report which was received, (see table.)

28. RESOLVED, that this Association give an expression of their feelings in reference to the death of Eld r J. G. Eden.

WHEREAS, It has been the pleasure of God to remove from our midst his servant, our much beloved brother Elder J. G. Eden since our last Association. Be it therefore resolved, that while we bow with humble submission to this act of Divine Providence, we deeply sympathise with the Churches and brethren and congregation with whom he has so long and so faithfully labored, and especially with our dear Sister, his wife and bereaved children; and may God of his great goodness and mercy give us an humble resignation to his divine will and be a husband to our bereaved Sister, and a father to his children.

29. Adjourned to the time and place of our next Session —prayer by Elder Moses Gunn.

MOSES GUNN, Moderator.
R. W. CARLISLE, Clerk.

CLERK'S REPORT.

Contribution from the churches	$35 35.
Paid by brethren present	4 65.
Total	40 00.
Amount for clerks services	20 00.
Paid for printing minutes	20 00.
Total	40 00.

Received of R. W. Carlisle $20,00 for printing 800 copies of these minutes. M. J. BULGER.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Wetumpka Baptist Association to her Sister Associations, with whom she corresponds, sends christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD :

Through the tender mercies of our God we have been permitted again to meet in our annual session.

The business of our Association has been conducted in peace and harmony.

The Churches have all been represented except four, whose letters show that peace and brotherly love abound with them. We have been greatly comforted by your messengers and desire a continuation of your friendly correspondence. Our next session will be held with the church at Wewoka, Coosa County, Ala , 16 miles North of Wetumpka on the Jackson Trace, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Sep., 1853. May the God of all grace be with you and us and save us all in his kingdom at last is our prayer. So, brethren, farewell.

MOSES GUNN, Moderator.

R. W. CARLISLE, Clerk.

RECAPITULATION.

Baptised,	17,
Received by letter,	52.
On Profession of Faith,	4.
Dismissed	31.
Excommunicated,	8
Restored,	0
Dead,	12.
Previous No ,	597.
Present No ,	621.

Monies, Sent up by the Churches,	$35,35.
"by brethren and friends,	4,65.
Total amount,	$40,00.
Balance on hand from last year,	$5,60.

On motion the balance on hand was donated to the former clerk, for extra services rendered the Association.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES

	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES NAMES. Ordained Ministers marked thus † Licentiates in *Italics*, Absentees marked thurs *	Numbers of copies	Monies.	Meetings.	Present number.	Previous number.	Deed.	Restored.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Dismissed by letter.	Received by letter.	Baptised.
First District	1. Union	Autauga,	Prattville	No Messengers.	15	1,00	2	76	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2. Coosa River	"	Wetumpka	S. Grey, W. Parrish	42	2,42	3	11	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3. Pilgrims R.	"	Kingisson	No Messengr	15	0,00	3	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4. Bethel	"	Chstnut creek	No Messengers	15	0.00	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5. Ramah	Coosa "	Wetumpka	Moses Gunn †, W. Jackson	32	1.90	4	21	27	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	6. Wewoka	"	Buyckville	W. Downs, J. Collins	43	2,50	2	23	31	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
	7. Bethlehem	Macon "	Notasulga	W. L. Taylor †, W. Cox	52	3,00	1	50	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	8. Elam	"	Lockland	J. Hay'en, Smith	52	3 00	4	23	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2d District	9. Chana creek	Tallapoosa	Chaneyhatchee	E. Nelson †, W. Redden	60	3,50	1	36	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	10. Mt. Gilead	Coosa "	Central Institute	W. Haynes, A. Chappel	35	2,50	0	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	11. Bethel	"	Equality	A. Salter, J. Blake	35	2 00	1	45	49	2	0	0	4	0	0	0
	12. Fishpond	"	Fishpond	J. Brittain, J. S. Ogletree	43	2.50	3	47	45	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
3d District	13. Mt Zion	"	Sacapatoy	J. D. Berry, W. Phillips	35	2 00	0	26	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	14. Smyrna	"	Good Water	J. Amason, J. J. Cleveland	35	2,00	3	34	3..	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
	15. Mt. Pleasant	"	Mt. Olive	R. W. Corley, C. Cotton	27	1,50	2	10	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	16. Fellowship	Tallapoosa	Youngville	R. W. Carlisle †, H. Pasley	35	2,00	4	50	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th District	17. Pilgrims R.	Coosa "	Marble Valley	S. Garon	27	1. 0	2	26	28	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
	18. New Hope	"	Hanover	No Messengers	15	0,00	3	18	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	19 Swamp creek	"	Rockford	J. L. Webb	27	1.50	1	17	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	20. Antioch	"	Fayetteville	B. Edwards	17	1 00	0	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	21. Mt. Olive	Talladega Shelby	Columbiana	Not Represented	15	0,00	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					675	38,82	82	1,0..	1,0..	13	0	1	31	0	0	0